

Amendments to the Drawings

FIG. 9 has been labeled “Prior Art.”

Remarks

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 5, 2007. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 15 and 16 are pending, of which Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Claims 2-14 have been canceled. Claims 15 and 16 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the original disclosure. Therefore, no new matter has been added. In particular, the pending claims generally correspond to allowed claims in Japanese counterpart applications JP2002-345310 and JP2000-345311 (granted November 16, 2007)

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,139,108 (Anderson et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed insofar as the cited art may apply to the amended claims.

The drawings were objected to on formal grounds. The drawings have been amended as required by the Examiner. Specifically, Figure 9 has been labeled "Prior Art" Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The present invention as defined in Claim 1 is directed to an image forming and reading apparatus having a movable carriage, which carries a recording head for discharging ink to form images on a recording sheet, and a reading portion which reads images on an original and is rotatable against a platen. In addition, the reading portion can move selectively between a first position out of a moving range of the carriage and a second position inside of the moving range of the carriage.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claim 1 is patentable over the cited art of record. Dependent Claims 15 and 16 are also submitted to be allowable by virtue of their dependencies on an allowable claim, as well as for the additional features they recite. Individual consideration thereof is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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